

## Message Text

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POSTS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR

SUBJECT: OPIUM SMUGGLING

1. ON APRIL 4, 1978 SYRIAN CID ARRESTED SYRIAN NATIONAL MOUSTAPHA JEMA' MOUSTAPHA AT ALEPO IN POSSESSION OF 12 KILOS OF RAW TURKISH OPIUM. MOUSTAPHA ADMITTED TO PREVIOUS TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS TO EGYPT AND EUROPE, ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT OF RECORD WITH SYRIAN CID. SOURCE OF RAW OPIUM WAS TURKISH NATIONAL HABIB ALI TASH FROM AINTAB.

2. SYRIAN CID ACCEPTS MOUSTAPHA'S STATEMENT THAT OPIUM IS FROM TURKEY AND IS OF RECENT ORIGIN. SINCE SYRIANS NO LONGER SEND SAMPLES OF SEIZED RAW OPIUM TO WHO FOR ANALYSIS, WE BELIEVE THAT THEY WOULD GIVE US SAMPLE IF ADDRESSEES INTERESTED AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORWARDING.

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## Message Attributes

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